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SUBJ: STRIKE AT SYDNEY AIRPORT

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1. THE STRIKE BY RADIO TECHNICIANS WHICH HAD CLOSED SYDNEYS AIRPORT WAS SETTLED WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1973, AND INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NORMAL WITHIN 24 HOURS.

2. R.J. HAWKE, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS (ACTU) AND PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY (ALP) PERSONALLY INTERVENED IN THE DISPUTE AND OBTAINED A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT OF 8 TO 10.7 PERCENT PAY RAISES FOR RADIO SERVICE TECHNICIANS WITH THE QUESTION OF RETROSPECTIVITY BEING ASSIGNED TO THE COMMONWEALTH ARBITRATION COMMISSION.

3. REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO U.S. FLAG CARRIERS, PAN AMERICAN AND AMERICAN, REPORT THEIR OPERATIONS SHOULD BE NORMAL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1973. PAN AMERICAN
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OPERATES ONE FREIGHTER AND 14 PASSENGER FLIGHTS WEEKLY.

AMERICAN OPERATES THREE FLIGHTS WEEKLY INTO SYDNEY.

4. POST COMMENT: THE SETTLEMENT OF THE STRIKE WHICH HAS CAUSED DISRUPTIONS AT THE SYDNEY AIRPORT SINCE SEPT 10, 1973, CAN BE CONSIDERED A PERSONAL VICTORY FOR R.J. HAWKE WHO TALKED THE 90 STRIKING RADIO TECHNICIANS AND THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE ARBITRATOR INTO THE COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT. HANNAH

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